

Boston, June 27, 1859.

My dear H. C. W.:—

215- I have been intending every day for the last fortnight to send you a letter, but something or other has interposed to prevent it. But I must not delay a moment longer.

Mr. Phillips duly communicated to us the letter you sent to him, in which you so gratefully and affectionately express your feelings toward my dear wife and myself; and direct him, whenever he receives the legacy left you by Mr. Hovey, to pay one fourth of it over to us, for our benefit, as a token of your appreciation of our friendship and hospitality. If we decline receiving it for ourselves, then to deposit it for the benefit of Fanny and Franky.

Whatever we have done for you, my dear friend, on the score of hospitality, has always been done as to one of our family, without thought or desire of remuneration at any time. Hence, we are unwilling to consider the relation a different one, by receiving for ourselves the gift you propose. — While we live, and have a roof over us, you shall always find "a home" with us, in health or sickness, in strength or in helplessness.



But your instruction to Mr. Phillips is, that the money you proffer us, if declined by us, is to be deposited in some bank for the benefit of Fanny and Franky. As in this case you will take no refusal, we have conferred together about it; and our conclusion is to accept it in trust — with this proviso, that if, from any unforeseen misfortune or destitution on your part you should need <sup>at any time,</sup> it, it shall be wholly expended for your benefit. Accordingly, it will be safely deposited in the Savings' Bank in this city, whenever received.

The legacies of our lamented friend Hovey have attracted a great deal of attention, and made a marked sensation, in various quarters. No doubt the pseudo-religionists and heartless conservatives of our times are much disturbed and chagrined in view of their appropriation. Forty thousand dollars to be expended for the promotion of the most radical and unpopular reforms! Did the world ever hear of such a thing before? Is it not enough to throw all humankind into convulsions? And then, six thousand dollars distributed among such "fanatical," "infidel," "disorganizing" persons as Henry C. Wright, Parker Pillsbury, Stephen S. Foster, and Wm. Lloyd Garrison, and their

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families! Verily, this is to cause endurance to pass its bounds! It is quite insufferable!

I am more and more struck with the moral courage and deliberate purpose manifested by our departed friend Hovey, in these bequests. He had a host of friends, and many in the Anti-Slavery ranks to whom he was strongly attached, and whom he held in the highest esteem; but no other half a dozen in the land were so proscribed and denounced by <sup>the</sup> scribes and pharisees and hypocrites in the Church, and by the time-servers and demagogues in the States, as those to whom he specifically gave in his Will the tokens of his respect, confidence, and undying friendship. It was his last and most striking testimony of his interest in the most radical reformers. We were singled out for no other purpose. It was his "ruling passion strong in death."

It is a great trust which has been committed to us — the expenditure of eight thousand dollars per annum for five ~~years~~ in the cause of anti-slavery, woman's rights, peace, temperance, &c. No doubt we shall be bored with all sorts of applications, from all sorts of persons; indeed, they already begin to pour in. But the estate is not yet settled.

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Now, a word in regard to your kind and generous overture to me to join you immediately for a tour at the West, for the benefit of my health. Much should I rejoice to take such a tour with you; but as the difficulty under which I am now laboring is mainly bronchial, requiring abstinence from all speaking as much as possible, and as it would be next to impossible for me to take such a tour without seeing a great many persons, and having a constant strain made upon my vocal organs, I deem it most prudent to remain at or near home this summer. I am slowly improving, and by care hope to get my voice again for public lecturing, which I have not attempted for four months past.

To make such a tour as you propose would be very expensive; and though you generously promise me that it shall cost me nothing, I could not consent to tax you, or on any other friends, to that extent, and in that direction, unless I were in a condition to converse and lecture all the way through. I hope yet, in the hereafter, to go to the West with you.

Helen and the children are all well, and send you their united love. Keep me posted as to your movements. Give my kindest remembrances to all my Ohio friends. Take good care of your health, and God bless and save you eternally!

H. C. W. Ever your attached friend, Wm Lloyd Garrison.